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MEMORANDUM TO: MR. REBER

SUBJECT : Procurement of Order of Battle Information

1. Reference the attached memorandum concerning procurement of order of battle information, I concur with the conclusions set forth in paragraph 3.

2. Because of the time element involved and the significance of this information to our operations, I am inclined to go along with the direct approach to SAC recommended in par. 4. I feel that if we follow the standard procurement procedures, through the Requirements Committee et al, it is highly improbable that we will get the desired publications prior to our initial operations. In addition, if there is any reason why we cannot get these documents we will have to know it at the earliest possible date to permit other arrangements to be made.

3. If you agree that the situation warrants the direct approach, there is attached as Enclosure 2 a letter to General LeMay which may be suitable for the purpose. Also attached as Enclosure 3 is a memorandum to Colonel Berg explaining our requirement and requesting his concurrence.

4. If, on the other hand, you feel that it is not justified, I suggest that special action be taken to expedite procurement of the publications through conventional channels.

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Memo to [redacted] w/2 Encls.  
(1) Ltr to Gen. LeMay  
(2) Memo to Col. Berg)

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Colonel, USAF  
Director of Operations

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